

Supported Hardware

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How Can I Find Device Support?

- Supported Hardware Database on website
- ◆ EPICS Collaboration Meetings
- ◆ Google search
- ◆ tech-talk archive search
- tech-talk mailing list
- ◆ BUT most support available is for vxWorks and R3.13.x
 - ◆ Converting to R3.14.x is not hard, another OS may be much harder



Ways To Support Your Hardware

- Instrument Specific Device Support
 - ◆ Write a device support module (e.g. devHp54520.c) that is specific to that instrument/device
 - All protocol is hidden from users.
 - Easy to handle device peculiarities
- ◆ Generic Support
 - Provide device specific information in the database
 - Special field in a custom record
 - ◆ Parm field of I/O Link



Popular Hardware

◆ VME

- Many modules available
- Generic VME Record allows simple devices to be used w/o device support
- Generic A16/D16 device support
 - ◆ Specify register offset and bit field in I/O link

◆ VXI

- Resource Manager (drvVxi)
- ◆ Automatically configures MXI Modules to support multiple crate systems. Hierarchies allowed.
- Static and Dynamic Addressing Supported
- A24/A32 Address Allocation
- Libraries provide ...
 - lookup modules based on Logical Address, slot, Make, or Model
 - exclusive access to a device for a single driver
 - core routines for Message Passing Devices



- ◆ GPIB
 - Hardware
 - ◆ HP-2050A Ethernet-GPIB Bridge
 - ◆ Should be usable with R3.14.x from any OS
 - NI1014 VME card
 - ◆ IP-488 IndustryPack module (using Message Passing Facility)
 - Marty Kraimer has a working Linux driver for this module
 - Instrument Specific Device Support
 - ◆ Template device support routine available
 - ◆ Edit parameter table which specifies command strings and parsing format for each supported function see next slide...
 - ◆ Generic GPIB Record allows simple communications without having to write specific device support
 - Use with stringCalc record to create/parse strings
 - GPIB Interact utility allows menu driven interaction with devices



```
static struct gpibCmd gpibCmds[] =
   /* Param */
   /* 0 */ FILL,
  /* 1 : set frequency : AO */
             {&DSET_AO, GPIBWRITE, IB_O_HIGH, NULL, "FA %.3f", 0, 20, NULL, 0, 0,
              NULL, NULL, -1},
  /* 2 : read frequency : AI */
             {&DSET_AI, GPIBREAD, IB_Q_HIGH, "SEND FREQ", " F OUT %lf", 0, 20,
                        rdCheck, 0 ,0, NULL, NULL, -1},
  /* 3 : set output level : AO */
             {&DSET_AO, GPIBWRITE, IB_Q_HIGH, NULL, "LEVEL %.1f", 0, 20, NULL, 0,
              0, NU\overline{L}L, NULL, -1},
  /* 4 : read output level : AI */
             {&DSET_AI, GPIBREAD, IB_Q_HIGH, "SEND POWER", " P INT %lf", 0, 20,
                   rdCheck, 0 ,0, NULL, NULL, -1},
   /* 5 : read LOCK status : BI */
             {&DSET_BI, GPIBREAD , IB_Q_LOW, "SEND STATUS", " LOCK %lu", 0, 30,
                       NULL, 0 ,0, NUL\overline{L}, NULL, -1},
  /* 6 : read LEVEL status : BI (if LOCK status != 1, this read will fail */ {&DSET_BI, GPIBREAD , IB_O_LOW, "SEND STATUS", " LOCK 1 LEVEL %lu", 0, 30, NULL ,0 ,0, NULL, NULL, -1}
  };
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- ◆ Serial
 - Hardware
 - Serial ports on CPU board
 - IndustryPack serial port modules
 - Device Support
 - ◆ There are several different serial device support layers available
 - drvSerial, drvAscii, devAscii
 - Message Passing Facility
 - Streams
 - ORNLSerial
 - These differ in ease of use and complexity of serial protocol they support
 - Generic Serial Record allows simple communications (via MPF?)
 without having to write specific device support
 - Allows serial port configuration on the fly
 - Use with stringCalc record to create/parse strings



- ◆ Allen Bradley
 - ◆ VME Scanner (Remote I/O or "Blue Hose")
 - ◆ 1771 Series I/O Adapters
 - ◆ 1791 I/O
 - ◆ 1771-DCM (mailbox to PLC)
 - ◆ SLC500-DCM (mailbox to PLC)
 - Serial port to PLC serial port
 - Access to any element in PLC
 - AB DataHighway +
 - Access to any element in PLC



- ◆ PLC Interfaces
 - AllenBradley PLC5 via 1771-DCM
 - ◆ 10 messages of 64 words each from PLC
 - ◆ 1 message of 64 words to PLC
 - Device support fetches info from DCM record, which holds all the data from the DCM
 - AllenBradley via SLC500 DCM
 - Uses a message of 8 words for reading/writing
 - GE Fanuc
 - PLC dumps a serial stream to the IOC
 - PLC Direct (Koyo)
 - ◆ DL240/DL250 CPUs using DirectNet
 - ◆ IOC can read the entire PLC memory map
 - ◆ IOC can write to a designated memory block (512 words)
 - ♦ Modbus+
 - ◆ Device support for ioc [KEK]
 - ◆ CA Server on a PC talking to Modicon 984 PLC's via Modbus+ [MSU Cyclotron Lab]



- ◆ CAMAC
 - Hytec Serial Highway Driver (VME)
 - Generic CAMAC Record allows simple communications w/o device support
- ◆ Bitbus
 - Two VME boards supported
- ◆ CANbus